

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: | Fontaine, <i>et al.</i> | Examiner: | Bayat, Bradley B. |
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| Title: | REMOTE ACCESS VERIFICATION ENVIRONMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD | Customer No. | 66880 |

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AMENDMENT / REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed February 26, 2007, and is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-41, 43-49, and 51-84 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 30, 35, 41, 43, and 48 have been amended. No claims have been canceled. Claims 77-84 are new.

The December 6, 2006, amendment was objected to based on 35 U.S.C. § 132(a) as adding new matter. The objection is traversed.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-21, 23, 24, 26-41, 43-49, 51-68, and 70-76 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Goertzel, *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,308,273) in view of Shaffer, *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 7,167,553). Claims 22, 25, and 69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Goertzel in view of Shaffer, and further in view of Paravia, *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,508,710). The rejections are traversed.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the objection and rejections.